

Application No. 10/601,041
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Amendment to the Specification:

1. On page 4, please amend the first paragraph to:

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a skimmer basket weight. The skimmer basket weight comprises a heavy material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cm^3 , being coated with a water proof coating. The skimmer basket weight is configured to have a circular outer periphery with a hollow opening. The circular outer periphery has a diameter substantially matching an inner diameter of a bottom of a skimmer basket.

2. On page 4, please amend the second paragraph to:

In a further embodiment, the present invention provides a skimmer basket assembly, which comprises a skimmer basket, a skimmer basket weight comprising a heavy material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cm^3 , coated with a water proof coating, said skimmer basket weight having a hollow opening, and a fastening means enabling affixing said skimmer basket weight to said bottom of said skimmer basket.

3. On page 4, please amend the third paragraph to:

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a weight containing skimmer basket, which comprises a basket configured for a swimming pool skimmer well and a weight connected to the bottom of the basket. The weight is made of a heavy material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cm^3 , and coated with a water proof coating.

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4. On page 8, please amend the first paragraph to:

The weight (100) can be constructed of any material or materials known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Preferably, the weight is constructed of a heavy material which has a density greater than 1.0 g/cm^3 g/cm^3 . Suitable examples include concrete, metal, high density plastic, and other suitable materials. The weight is then coated with plastic, rubber, paint or other waterproof materials to prevent the weight from being damaged or degraded by the water in the pool or any of the chemicals therein. In the preferred embodiment, the weight weighs at least 1/2 pound, more preferably 3/4 pound. Additionally, lighter weights may be used in other embodiments.

5. On page 16, please amend the Abstract to:

A skimmer basket weight is provided, which is made of a heavy material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cm^3 , coated with a water proof coating, and is configured to have a circular outer periphery with a hollow opening for allowing water flowing through. The circular outer periphery has a diameter substantially matching an inner diameter of a bottom of a skimmer basket. When in use, one places the skimmer basket weight inside the skimmer basket, and affixes the skimmer basket weight on top of the bottom of the skimmer basket. The weight prevents the skimmer basket from floating and tipping over inside the skimmer well. Also disclosed is a skimmer basket assembly which includes a skimmer basket, the weight and a fastening means.